

Meeting of December 14, 1917.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland met at the office of the Governor, in Annapolis, December 14th, 1917.

Present: Governor Emerson C. Harrington, Comptroller Hugh A. McMullen. Treasurer John M. Dennis was not present.

Minutes of the meeting of October 12th, 1917 were read and approved.

A letter dated December 8th, 1917, from Samuel M. Shoemaker, Chairman of the State Board of Agriculture, requesting the Board of Public Works to pay over to the State Board of Agriculture all rents derived from the wharf property connected with the State Tobacco Warehousees since June 1st. 1916, was read and considered.

On motion the question was ordered referred to the Attorney General for an opinion as to whether the rent shall be paid over to the State Board of Agriculture as requested by that Board.

On motion the action of Colonel Baughman, Automobile Commissioner, in acquiring additional office space, was approved and bill of B. J. Frederick & Bro. Inc., for \$235.00 for rent for said offices was approved and ordered paid from the appropriation for office rent in Baltimore.

A letter from Wm. Martien & Company, dated December 7th, 1917, offering for sale for State Tobacco Warehouse purposes, certain real estate fronting on Light, Charles and Barre Streets Baltimore, commonly called The Old Sloan Property for \$215,000.00 was read but no action taken.

Letter of Frank Kelly proposing to rent the Cumberland Armory for Athletic Exhibitions was read and the proposition was declined.

On motion it was ordered that the unexpended balance of \$15,000. appropriated for the payment of office rent in Baltimore be paid on account of rent of the offices of the State Industrial Accident Commission. The question of the increase in rent of said offices was considered and the question of a new lease was referred to the Governor to be taken up with the Accident Board.

Letter of the Attorney General advising that the ground rent on the State Tobacco Warehouse "A" is not redeemable, was read.

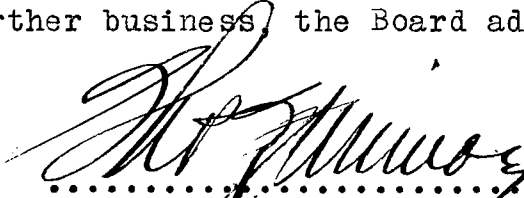
The following bills were passed and ordered paid from the Contingent Fund of the Board of Public Works:-

National Towel Service,	\$ 3.50
Builders Exchange of Baltimore for rent	
of office of Boiler Inspector,	41.66

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A letter, dated October 16th, 1917, from Edward P. Crummer to Hugh A. McMullen, Comptroller, relating to conditions alleged to exist at the Maryland Institute, with copy of a letter from Mr. Crummer to Robert J. Beacham, dated May 19, 1916 relating to the same matter, was read and ordered held for investigation concerning the allegations contained in this correspondence.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.


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Secretary of the Board.

